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September 15, 2010

Marlene H. Dortch
Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW, Room TW – A306
Washington, DC 20554

Karen Majcher
Vice President, High Cost & Low Income Division
Universal Service Administrative Company
2000 L Street, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20036

RE: Certification of Support for Rural and Non-Rural High-Cost Carriers and
Competitive Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R Sections
54.313-314, CC Docket No. 96-45 – FY 2011

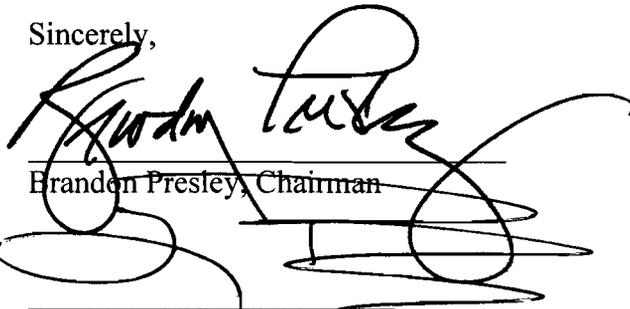
Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Majcher:

The Mississippi Public Service Commission (“MPSC”) hereby certifies that all federal high cost support provided to rural and non-rural carriers and competitive eligible telecommunications carriers (“CETC”) in this state for the year 2011 will be used only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, consistent with Section 254(e) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended. This includes High Cost Loop Support, High Cost Model Support, Local Switching Support, Safety Net Additive Support and Safety Valve Support.

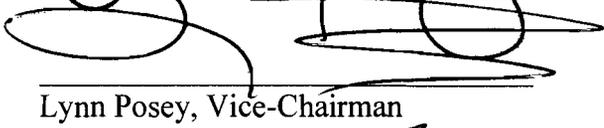
Attached as Exhibit “A” and Exhibit “B” are lists of rural and non-rural carriers and CETCs certified by the MPSC pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the FCC’s rules (47 C.F.R. §§ 54.313, 54.314), which require states to establish an annual certification process for rural and non-rural carriers receiving federal high cost support. As requested by the Universal Service Administrative Company, listed beside each carrier is its assigned study area code.

Enclosed is a stamped addressed envelope and an additional copy of this letter for you to use in forwarding a stamped filed copy of this correspondence. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

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Brandon Presley, Chairman

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Lynn Posey, Vice-Chairman

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonard Bentz", written over a horizontal line.

Leonard Bentz, Commissioner

Enclosures

<u>Carrier's Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Carrier's Study Area Code</u>
MS Non-Rural Service Area - 2011		
BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. d/b/a/ AT&T Mississippi	ILEC	285184
ALLTEL Communications, Inc.	CETC	289010
Cellular South Licenses, Inc.	CETC	289001
Dialog Telecommunications, Inc.	CETC	289012
Dixie-Net Communications, Inc.	CETC	289003
GulfPines Communications, Inc.	CETC	289015
Megagate Broadband, Inc.	CETC	289013
New Cingular Wireless, PCS, LLC	CETC	289912
NPCR, Inc. d/b/a/ Nextel Partners	CETC	289006
Rural Cellular Corporation d/b/a/ Unice	CETC	289002
Sprint PCS	CETC	289008
TEC of Jackson, Inc.	CETC	289009
Telepak Networks, Inc.	CETC	289011
XFone USA, Inc. d/b/a eXpeTel Communications	CETC	289007

Carrier's Name**Type****Carrier's Study Area Code****MS Rural Service Areas - 2011**

Bay Springs Telephone Company	RLEC	280446
Bruce Telephone Company, Inc.	RLEC	280447
Calhoun City Telephone Company, Inc.	RLEC	280448
CenturyTel of North Mississippi, Inc.	RLEC	280458
Decatur Telephone Company	RLEC	280451
Delta Telephone Company, Inc.	RLEC	280452
Franklin Telephone Company, Inc	RLEC	280454
Frontier Communications of Mississippi, Inc.	RLEC	280460
Fulton Telephone Company	RLEC	280455
Georgetown Telephone Company, Inc.	RLEC	280456
Lakeside Telephone Company	RLEC	280457
Mound Bayou Telephone Company	RLEC	280462
Myrtle Telephone Company, Inc.	RLEC	287449
Noxapater Telephone Company	RLEC	280461
Sledge Telephone Company	RLEC	280466
Smithville Telephone Company, Inc.	RLEC	280467
Southeast Mississippi Telephone Company, Inc.	RLEC	283301
Windstream Mississippi, Inc.	RLEC	280453
ALLTEL Communications, Inc.	CETC	289010
Cellular South Licenses, Inc.	CETC	289001
Rural Cellular Corporation d/b/a/ Unicel	CETC	289002

**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NUMBER 2000-AD-040

**IN RE: CERTIFICATION OF THE CARRIERS RECEIVING FEDERAL
UNIVERSAL SERVICE HIGH-COST SUPPORT**

ORDER

COMES NOW, the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") and it appearing to the Commission, for good cause shown and after reviewing the plan for utilization for the year 2011 Federal Universal Service Funding ("USF") submitted by BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc., d/b/a/ AT&T Mississippi ("AT&T Mississippi"), upon recommendation of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("Staff") and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

1.

On January 19, 2000, the Commission established this docket to certify, pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's ("FCC") Universal Service Order, that the use of federal universal service high cost support in Mississippi is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e). In accordance with the FCC's Universal Service Order and with this Commission's Order of January 19, 2000, BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. ("BellSouth") submitted a plan for utilization of the year 2000 Federal Universal Service funding that was consistent with the principles of universal service as outlined in the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and by the

FCC in its Universal Service Order. On March 14, 2000, the Commission issued an Order certifying that BellSouth's proposed use of federal universal service high-cost support for the year 2000 in Mississippi was consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

2.

On June 1, 2010, AT&T Mississippi submitted its Plan for Utilization of the year 2011 Federal Universal Service Funding for approval by the Commission.

3.

The Commission, after consultation with the Staff, concludes that AT&T Mississippi's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2011 is consistent with the Commission's Order dated April 6, 2007, in Docket 2005-AD-662, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent FCC Orders. The Commission further concludes that residential rates in rural areas of non-rural carriers in this state are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide, based on the nationwide urban rate benchmark of \$36.52.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1.

The Commission hereby certifies that AT&T Mississippi's Plan to utilize federal universal service high-cost support in Mississippi for the year 2011 as proposed in its plan submitted to the Commission on June 1, 2010, is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e) and is, therefore, approved.

2.

That residential rates in rural areas of non-rural carriers in this state are reasonably comparable to urban rates nationwide, based on the nationwide urban rate benchmark of \$36.52.

3.

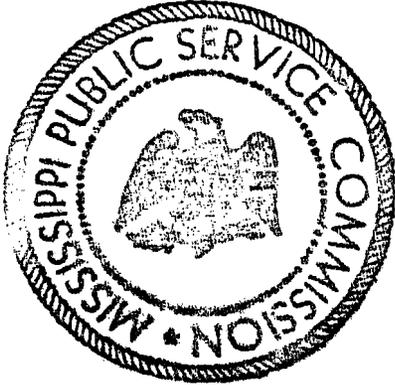
AT&T Mississippi shall follow the requirements in Docket 2005-AD-662, including filing quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

4.

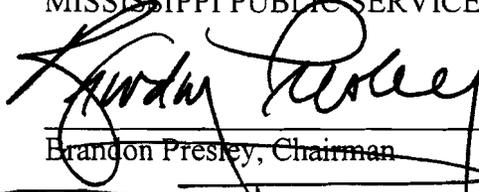
This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

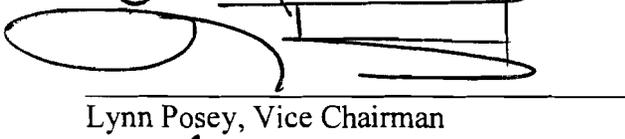
Chairman Brandon Presley voted *aye*; Vice Chairman Lynn Posey voted *aye*; and Commissioner Leonard Bentz voted *aye*.

Dated this the 14th day of September, 2010.



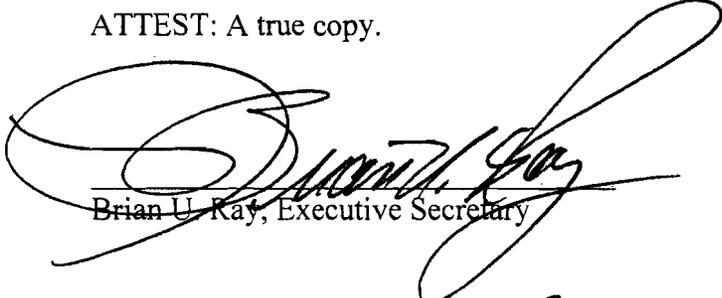
MISSISSIPPI PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Brandon Presley, Chairman


Lynn Posey, Vice Chairman


Leonard Bentz, Commissioner

ATTEST: A true copy.


Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

**DOCKET NUMBERS 2003-UA-407
2005-UA-581**

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER PURSUANT TO SECTION 214(E)(2) OF THE
COMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1934**

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of Alltel, Inc.'s ("Alltel") Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2011 (the "Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by Alltel, upon recommendation of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("Staff") and after reviewing the Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

1.

On May 21, 2003, Alltel filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Alltel was subsequently designated by the Commission as an ETC in the non-rural telephone company areas in Docket No. 03-UA-407. On June 14, 2006, Alltel was designated as an ETC in the rural telephone company areas in the State of Mississippi in Docket No. 05-UA-581.

2.

On May 28, 2010, Alltel filed with the Commission its Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in the non-rural and rural markets for the year 2011 for approval by the Commission.

3.

The Commission, after consultation with the Staff, concludes that Alltel's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for the year 2011 is consistent with the Commission's Order dated April 6, 2007, in Docket 2005-AD-662, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent Federal Communications Commission's orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1.

The Commission hereby certifies that Alltel's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in the Non-Rural and Rural Markets for the year 2011 is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

2.

Alltel shall follow the requirements in Docket 2005-AD-662, including filing quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

3.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Brandon Presley voted Aye; Vice Chairman Lynn Posey voted Aye; and
Commissioner Leonard Bentz voted Aye.

Dated this the 14th day of September, 2010.

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Brandon Presley

Brandon Presley, Chairman

Lynn Posey

Lynn Posey, Vice Chairman

Leonard Bentz

Leonard Bentz, Commissioner

ATTEST: A true copy.

Brian U. Ray

Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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CELLULAR SOUTH LICENSES, INC.

DOCKET NUMBER 2001-UA-451

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF CELLULAR SOUTH LICENSES, INC. FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER UNDER 47 U.S.C. 214(e)(2)**

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of Cellular South Licenses, Inc. ("CSL") Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2011 (the "Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by CSL, upon recommendation of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("Staff") and after reviewing the Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

1.

On June 19, 2001, CSL filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under 47 U.S.C. § 254(e)(2). On December 18, 2001, CSL was designated by the Commission as an ETC in the non-rural BellSouth service areas. On September 23, 2004, CSL was designated by the Commission as an ETC in the geographic areas served by the Rural Independents (which Order was subsequently clarified on November 3, 2004).

2.

On June 1, 2010, CSL filed with the Commission its Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2011 for approval by the Commission. CSL's

2011 Plan included the areas served by AT&T (formerly BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc.) and the Rural Independent Telephone Companies.

3.

The Commission, after consultation with the Staff, concludes that CSL's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2011 is consistent with the Commission's Order dated April 6, 2007, in Docket 2005-AD-662, and the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent Federal Communications Commission's orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1.

The Commission hereby certifies that CSL's Plan to utilize Federal Universal Service High Cost Support Funds in Mississippi for the year 2011 is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

2.

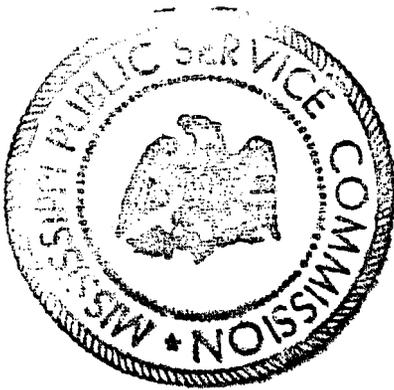
CSL shall follow the requirements in Docket 2005-AD-662, including filing quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

3.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Brandon Presley voted Aye; Vice Chairman Lynn Posey voted Aye; and Commissioner Leonard Bentz voted Aye.

Dated this the 14th day of September, 2010.



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Brandon Presley
Brandon Presley, Chairman

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Leonard Bentz
Leonard Bentz, Commissioner

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Brian U. Ray
Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary

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DIALOG TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.

DOCKET NUMBER 2003-UA-665

IN RE: APPLICATION OF DIALOG TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of Dialog Telecommunications, Inc.'s ("Dialog") Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2011 (the "Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by Dialog, upon recommendation of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("Staff") and after reviewing the Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

1.

On May 31, 2003, Dialog filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Dialog was subsequently designated by the Commission as an ETC.

2.

On June 1, 2010, Dialog filed with the Commission its Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2011 for approval by the Commission.

3.

The Commission, after consultation with the Staff, concludes that Dialog's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for the year 2011 is consistent with the Commission's Order dated April 6, 2007, in Docket 2005-AD-662, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent Federal Communications Commission's orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1.

The Commission hereby certifies that Dialog's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2011 is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

2.

Dialog shall follow the requirements in Docket 2005-AD-662, including filing quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

3.

This Order shall be deemed issued on the day it is served upon the parties herein by the Executive Secretary of this Commission who shall note the service date in the file of this Docket.

Chairman Brandon Presley voted APR; Vice Chairman Lynn Posey voted APR; and
Commissioner Leonard Bentz voted APR.

Dated this the 14th day of September, 2010.

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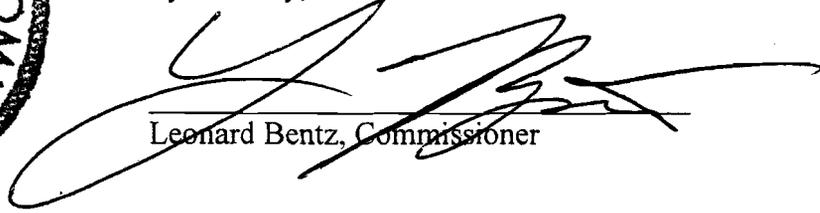




Brandon Presley, Chairman

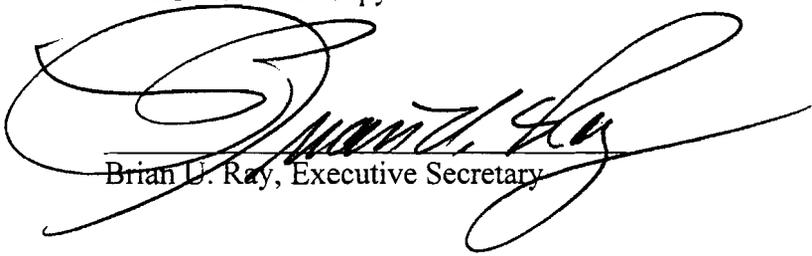


Lynn Posey, Vice Chairman



Leonard Bentz, Commissioner

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Brian U. Ray, Executive Secretary

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DIXIE-NET COMMUNICATIONS, INC.

DOCKET NUMBER 2001-UA-198

**IN RE: PETITION OF DIXIE-NET COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of Dixie-Net Communications, Inc.'s ("Dixie-Net") Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2011 (the "Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by Dixie-Net, upon recommendation of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("Staff") and after reviewing the Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

1.

On December 20, 2000, Dixie-Net filed its Petition for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Dixie-Net was subsequently designated by the Commission as an ETC.

2.

On June 17, 2010, Dixie-Net filed with the Commission its Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2011 for approval by the Commission.

3.

The Commission, after consultation with the Staff, concludes that Dixie-Net's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for the year 2011 is consistent with the Commission's Order dated April 6, 2007, in Docket 2005-AD-662, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent Federal Communications Commission's orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1.

The Commission hereby certifies that Dixie-Net's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2011 is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

2.

Dixie-Net shall follow the requirements in Docket 2005-AD-662, including filing quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

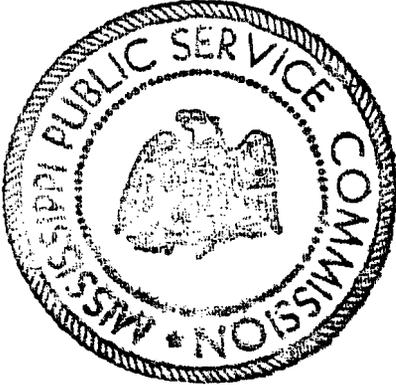
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Chairman Brandon Presley voted , Vice Chairman Lynn Posey voted ; and Commissioner Leonard Bentz voted .

Dated this the 14th day of September, 2010.

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Brandon Presley, Chairman

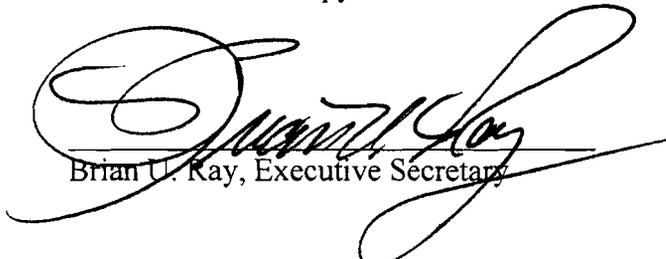


Lynn Posey, Vice Chairman



Leonard Bentz, Commissioner

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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GULFPINES COMMUNICATIONS, LLC

DOCKET NUMBER 2003-UA-757

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF GULFPINES COMMUNICATIONS, LLC. FOR
DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS
CARRIER UNDER THE TELECOMMUNICATIONS ACT OF 1996**

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of GulfPines Communications, LLC's ("GulfPines") Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2011 (the "Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by GulfPines, upon recommendation of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("Staff") and after reviewing the Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

1.

On October 14, 2003, GulfPines filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. GulfPines was subsequently designated by the Commission as an ETC.

2.

On June 1, 2010, GulfPines filed with the Commission its Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2011 for approval by the Commission.

3.

The Commission, after consultation with the Staff, concludes that GulfPines' Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for the year 2011 is consistent with the Commission's Order dated April 6, 2007, in Docket 2005-AD-662, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent Federal Communications Commission's orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1.

The Commission hereby certifies that GulfPines' Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2011 is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

2.

GulfPines shall follow the requirements in Docket 2005-AD-662, including filing quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

3.

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Chairman Brandon Presley voted Agree, Vice Chairman Lynn Posey voted Agree; and Commissioner Leonard Bentz voted Agree.

Dated this the 14th day of September, 2010.



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[Signature]
Brandon Presley, Chairman

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Lynn Posey, Vice Chairman

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Leonard Bentz, Commissioner

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**BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
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MEGAGATE BROADBAND, INC.

DOCKET NUMBER 2003-UA-473

**IN RE: APPLICATION OF MEGAGATE BROADBAND, INC. (FORMERLY
CELLULAR XL ASSOCIATES, L.P.), FOR DESIGNATION AS AN
ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER UNDER 47 U.S.C. §
214(E)(2)**

ORDER

HAVING COME ON BEFORE the Mississippi Public Service Commission ("Commission") for the consideration of Megagate Broadband, Inc.'s (formerly Cellular XL Associates, L.P.) ("Megagate") Plan for Utilization of Federal Universal Service Funding for the year 2011 (the "Plan") heretofore submitted to this Commission by Megagate, upon recommendation of the Mississippi Public Utilities Staff ("Staff") and after reviewing the Plan and being otherwise sufficiently advised, this Commission finds as follows:

1.

On October 14, 2003, Megagate filed its Application for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") under the Telecommunications Act of 1996. Megagate was subsequently designated by the Commission as an ETC.

2.

On June 1, 2010, Megagate filed with the Commission its Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2011 for approval by the Commission.

3.

The Commission, after consultation with the Staff, concludes that Megagate's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund in Mississippi for the year 2011 is consistent with the Commission's Order dated April 6, 2007, in Docket 2005-AD-662, the Telecommunications Act of 1996 and the pertinent Federal Communications Commission's orders.

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED:

1.

The Commission hereby certifies that Megagate's Plan for Utilization of the Federal Universal Service Fund for the year 2011 is consistent with 47 U.S.C. § 254(e).

2.

Megagate shall follow the requirements in Docket 2005-AD-662, including filing quarterly reports with the Commission providing the status of universal service fund expenditures and projects.

3.

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